

Community News

Woodmont gets early OK

In a straw vote last week, the County Council approved a plan to bring more homes, business and taller buildings to downtown Bethesda.

The council unanimously supported the Woodmont Triangle Amendment at a meeting on Nov. 23.

The council will take a final vote on the amendment in January.

The plan changes zoning in the Woodmont neighborhood of downtown Bethesda to allow for greater density and taller buildings in the neighborhood.

News in Brief

by Chris Williams

Buildings that are currently limited to 50 feet could become 143 feet tall — or about 11 stories. Developers will be allowed to build up to about 174 feet tall on some blocks, if they include affordable housing units in their buildings.

By increasing the height and density of buildings, planners estimate that more than 1,600 additional housing units could be developed.

Other provisions of the amendment include measures to encourage small businesses to stay in the area and to bring in arts amenities.

If the council approves the plan, the Montgomery County Planning Board will incorporate the changes to the Bethesda Master Plan.